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Subject: Re: HEA habitat values for ESA consultation
Date: 08/19/2010 09:02 AM

Hi Eric,
Just to recap our conversation this morning: NMFS does not endorse the use of ranges of values. We will use the values we developed in our analysis (not the ranges) for ESA consultation purposes. LWG is free to use whatever values they want for the FS, though using the ranges will likely affect the accuracy of their mitigation cost estimates.
Genevieve

Blischke.Eric@epamail.epa.gov wrote:

> Genevieve, I received an error message on this the first time. This
> message was also sent to Ben Meyer, Rob Neely, Katherine Pease and Megan
> Callaghan-Grant.

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> Genevieve, attached is a draft letter that EPA intends to send to the
> LWG regarding the evaluation of mitigation in the draft feasibility
> study for Portland Harbor. In the letter, we have allowed the LWG to
> consider a range of HEA values in addition to the HEA values developed
> by the expert panel. The purpose of this effort is to develop ESA and
> CWA 404 mitigation cost estimates in the FS. We believe this is
> consistent with the +50/-30% FS cost standard. In addition, we believe
> that consideration of a range of HEA values and the requirements imposed
> by EPA in our letter will facilitate our shared goal of achieving
> habitat enhancements in the lower Willamette River in conjunction with
> our site remedy.

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> Given NMFS's position on the use of ranges, we would like to provide you
> with the opportunity to discuss this letter prior to EPA sending it to
> the LWG. Please contact me at your earliest convenience if you would
> like to discuss.

> Thanks, Eric

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> (See attached file: EPADraftMitigationLetter081810.doc)

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> Subject: HEA habitat values for ESA consultation

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> Jim, Bob, Elizabeth, Tom,

> Here is the table of ESA habitat values for LWG to use in the FS. These

> values will give a good estimate of mitigation costs. A couple of
> changes made since our last meeting have been incorporated. These are
> the values we will use (barring any new information) for our
> consultation on the ROD. Any individual circumstances of particular
> projects that may change these values slightly will be considered in the

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> consultations for individual projects. The values currently in the
> table are not negotiable, however if LWG would still like to meet one
> more time to discuss any other issues the group may have, NMFS is
> willing to attend the meeting that is currently scheduled for late
> July. Please let us know.

> Genevieve

> [attachment "Habitat Values for ESA Consultation.pdf" deleted by Eric
> Blischke/R10/USEPA/US]